

REMARKS

This application has been carefully reviewed in light of the Office Action mailed August 11, 2004. Claims 1, 3-8, 10, 11, 13-17, 19-29 and 32-34 have been allowed. Claims 2, 9, 12 18 and 30 have been canceled and Claim 31 has been amended. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and favorable action of all pending claims in view of the following remarks.

Section 103 Rejections

The Office Action rejects Claim 30 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent 5,282,016 to Shen, et al. ("*Shen*"). Applicants traverse, but cancel Claim 30, rendering this rejection moot. Favorable action is requested.

Allowable Subject Matter

Applicants appreciate the indication at paragraph 2 of the Office Action that Claims 1, 3-8, 10, 11, 13-17, 19-29 and 32-34 are allowable. The Office Action offers a statement of reasons why some of these claims are considered to recite allowable subject matter. Applicants agree that Claims 3-8, 10, 11, 13-17, 19-29 and 32-34 recite allowable subject matter. However, Applicants do not agree with the statement of reasons for allowance to the extent that it attempts to paraphrase the claimed subject matter using terminology and/or language which differs in some respects from the specific terminology and language that was selected for use in Applicants' claims. Applicants believe that the scope and interpretation of the claims should be determined by the terminology and language of the claims themselves, rather than language selected by the PTO to attempt to paraphrase the recited subject matter. Further, Applicants believe that the statement of reasons for allowance should not be interpreted to mean that the Examiner's stated reasons are the only reasons supporting allowance and that there are no other reasons supporting the allowance of various claims.

Objected to Claim 31

Claim 31 was indicated to be allowable if rewritten in independent form (Office Action, paragraph 4). Claim 31 has been rewritten in independent form as suggested. Favorable action is requested.

CONCLUSION

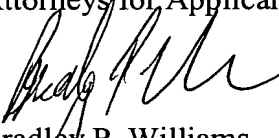
Applicants have now made an earnest attempt to place this case in condition for immediate allowance. For the foregoing reasons and for other apparent reasons, Applicants respectfully request allowance of all pending claims.

If the Examiner feels that prosecution of the present Application may be advanced in any way by a telephone conference, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned attorney at 214-953-6447.

Applicants believe no fees are due. However, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any required fees and credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 02-0384 of Baker Botts L.L.P.

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